படுத்துவதன் முதற்படியாக, ஆண் குழந்தைகள் பிறப்பதற்கு ஏதாவது முறையைக் கண்டுபிடிக்க சர்க்கார் ஆலோசனை செய்வார்களா ? " (மீண்டும் சிரிப்பு.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The method of sex determination has not yet been discovered."

11-30 a.m. SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" In addition to opening family planning centres why should not Government think of distributing pamphlets under the authority of the Government to people who are in need of advice on family planning? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, education of the people and propaganda in this connexion are also parts of this plan."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Have special departments been opened in our Government Hospitals for advising people on family planning? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They have yet to be started. The Government of India have promised financial assistance. This Government have sanctioned the starting of clinics."

Repairs to the Mukkood bridge, Koram amsam, Payyanur Firka.

* 564 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state at what stage the repairing of the Mukkood bridge, in Koram amsam in Payyanur firka, North Malabar, stands now?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" There is no proposal to repair the Mukkood bridge."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that people are put to much difficulty on account of the non-repair of the bridge? Therefore will Government be pleased to reconsider the question and take steps to repair and reconstruct the bridge? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Yes, Sir."

Block Advisory Committee for Malabar.

* 565 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government have not yet reconstituted the Block Development Advisory Committee for Malabar under the National Extension Service Scheme;

(*b*) the functions of the Committee; and

(*c*) on whose recommendations the Government accept the names of the members of the Committee?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The Block Advisory Committee for each Block in Malabar district has already been set up.

" (b) The Committee will advise on the problems relating to the National Extension Service Development Block which it represents.

" (c) On the advice of the officers connected with the scheme."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are Government aware that these Committees are not functioning properly, that there are no monthly meetings of the committee, that the proposals made by the Members of the Committee are not heard and that whenever there is a meeting of the Committee, proposals are placed before the Committee and passed? Will the Government be pleased to take some steps for the proper functioning of the Committee so that Members also may get an opportunity to place their proposals before the Committee and get them through? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the committees are required to meet at least once in two months. Members are certainly welcome to place their proposals before the Committee. I shall see that these proposals are duly considered at the meetings of those committees."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is a fact that proper attention is not paid to the suggestions made by the non-official members of the advisory committees? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know what the hon. Member means by the word 'proper.' It is open to non-officials to make their suggestions. The officers concerned will certainly examine them. But the non-officials cannot expect the officers to accept every one of the proposals made by them."

Earnings by prisoners in jails.

* 566 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount of money earned by prisoners in jails by their labour during the year 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Rs. 8,356."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" What are the various kinds of labour that produced this income and which kind of labour is popular among prisoners? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It all depends upon the prisoners concerned. One variety of labour may be popular with certain prisoners and another with certain others. Mainly they are being used in Textile factory in Coimbatore, boot-making factory in Vellore and also in carpet-making. We have got a carpentry factory in the Penitentiary."